GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONVERSION OF METER GAUGE LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have prepared any action plan for conversion of meter gauge line between Koswaw and Ubapada in Surat district in Gujarat into broad gauge and extend it upto Nandurbar in the state of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which work on the said line likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Gauge conversion of Kosamba-Umar Pada section in Surat district of Gujarat and its extension upto Nandurbar in the State of Maharashtra has not been sanctioned as Railways already have a shelf of 42 ongoing gauge conversion projects needing about `21500 crores to complete them.

(c): A huge throwforward of ongoing projects and limited overall availability of funds preclude the Railways to take up any new project.